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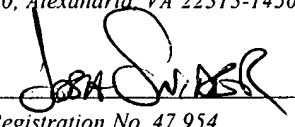
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Applicant: Bitá et al.
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Conf. No.: 8257
Filed: November 19, 2003
For: STORAGE CONTROL
APPARATUS AND CONTROL
METHOD THEREOF
Art Unit: 2185
Examiner: Dillon, Samuel A.

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TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified Application.

(X) Response B.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE B

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 21, 2006, please consider the following remarks: